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In re Application of :
Michael L. Obradovich : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Application No. 10/664,477 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.182
Filed: 18 December, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. 9800.1036 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed on 18 December, 2003, to accord the application a filing date of 18 December, 2003, with a drawing of Figure 17 as a part of the original disclosure.

The petition is granted.

The application was filed on 18 September, 2003. However, on 11 December, 2003, Initial Patent Examination Division mailed a "Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application" stating that the application had been accorded a 18 September, 2003, filing date, but that the drawing of Figure 17 appeared to have been omitted.

In response, on 18 December, 2003, a drawing containing Figure 17 was filed accompanied by the present petition.

As petitioners have requested that the application be accorded the later filing date with Figure 17 as a part of the original disclosure, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for reprocessing with a filing date of 18 December, 2003, using the application papers filed on 18 September, 2003, and the copy of Figure 17 of the drawings filed on 18 December, 2003.

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